GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
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Modern Weapons to Police Force
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that the police personnel do not have adequate and modern weapons to tackle the increasing terrorist and naxalite activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to equip the police forces with effective modern weapons; and

(d) the funds allocated and utilized in this regard and for modernization of police forces during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): Since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are state subjects as per the Constitution, responsibility of equipping the State police forces with appropriate equipment and gadgets lies with the State Governments. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of State

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Governments by providing central assistance under the Modernisation of Police Forces(MPF) scheme to strengthen police infrastructure. Weaponry is one of the major items covered under the Scheme and State Governments finalize their annual plans/projects as per their requirements and strategic priorities. A fund is separately allocated to each state for weaponry to be supplied through Ordnance Factory Board. So far as Central Armed Police Forces are concerned, these Forces are well equipped in terms and arms and ammunitions as well as other equipments.

(d): A statement showing the total funds earmarked/allocated and disbursed to various States during each of the last three years and the current year, state-wise is at Annexure-I. A statement showing allocation and release of funds for Megacity Policing, which is a component under MPF Scheme, is at Annexure-II. Central Government has incurred expenditure of Rs. 13.35 crore, 15.47 crore and Rs. 25.83 crore during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively for Arms and Ammunition of CAPFs under Modernisation Plan-II

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